

GALLIPOLIS POST OFFICE
Gallipolis, Gallia County, Ohio

Survey No. 0-633

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Historic American Buildings Survey
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3700 Carew Tower, Cincinnati, Ohio

GALLIPOLIS POST OFFICE
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OWNER: Mrs. Brown, Columbus, Ohio

DATE OF ERECTION: 1794

ARCHITECT: None

PRESENT CONDITION: The building is in fair condition, for it is now used as a residence. The original two-room structure has been enlarged by a lean-to addition across the rear. This addition was built between 1885-1895, but is of very cheap construction.

MATERIALS OF CONSTRUCTION: The footings are made of large sandstone blocks. The interior and exterior walls are frame. The original portion was built of post and lintel construction, with a post in each corner and a beam at the ceiling line. The walls are merely fillers. The roof is covered with wood shingles. The chimney is brick.

ADDITIONAL DATA: " In this building was the first post office in Gallipolis, built in 1794. Francois D. Herbercourt, first postmaster, was a schoolmate of Napoleon Bonaparte who had planned to follow his friend to the New Colony" (Taken from a sign erected by the Gallia County Historical Society) The house belonged to Joseph De Vaught for most of the last century. It is now in the hands of his granddaughter, Mrs. Brown.

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